
Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to education funding.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 47, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Education funding: child development centers and preschools.

This measure would state the intent of the Legislature to increase the funding of child development centers and preschools in future years, as resources become available, in order to provide staff with adequate salaries and benefits, provide adequate resources to support program quality for children, and keep programs open to serve parents and children.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Title V of the California Code of Regulations sets
2 forth program quality and personnel standards for child
3 development centers and preschools contracting with the State
4 Department of Education to serve children and families of
5 California; and
6 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschools
7 have demonstrated positive outcomes in preparing children for
8 success in school and measure their progress through the state's
9 Desired Results system; and
10 WHEREAS, The quality education standards for Title V child
11 development centers and preschools far exceed the minimum health
12 and safety standards required by the state for licensure, including
13 that these child development centers are required to employ
14 teachers and assistant teachers with much higher levels of

1 professional college training, and are required to perform
2 comprehensive evaluations of the development of their children
3 through the state's Desired Results system; and

4 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschools
5 meeting higher quality education standards are reimbursed at a
6 flat rate that has not kept pace with rising labor, food, energy, and
7 insurance costs, or increased mandates, resulting in high quality
8 teachers being underpaid and receiving inadequate health and
9 retirement benefits; and

10 WHEREAS, In 80 percent of California, child care centers,
11 family child care homes, and license-exempt in-home providers
12 who are not required to meet high quality education standards are
13 reimbursed at rates up to 60 percent higher than Title V child
14 development centers and preschools; and

15 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschools
16 must attempt to subsidize the state reimbursement rate with other
17 funds due to receiving an inadequate standard reimbursement for
18 every child served from the state; and

19 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschool
20 programs are at risk of closure due to the large gap between the
21 current standard reimbursement rate and the real cost of doing
22 business; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the value and contribution of Title V
25 child development centers and preschools to California's education
26 system and citizens is recognized by the Legislature; and be it
27 further

28 *Resolved*, That the serious inequity in the fiscal support of Title
29 V child development centers and preschools is recognized by the
30 Legislature; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Legislature intends to increase the funding
32 of child development centers and preschools in future years, as
33 resources become available, in order to provide staff of Title V
34 child development centers and preschools with adequate salaries
35 and benefits, provide adequate resources to support program quality
36 for children, and keep programs open to serve parents and children;
37 and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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